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Enclosed are the following documents:

Information Disclosure Statement 37 C.F.R. §1.97(B)  
Form PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation  
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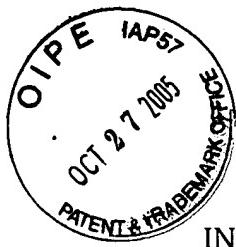
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir,

Pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider, and to introduce art in compliance with their duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The art has been listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449. This includes five (5) U.S. Patents and three (3) foreign patent publications. Copies of the foreign publication and references have been enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). Copies of the U.S. Patents have not been submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.491(b).

No representation is made that a specific search has been made by the Applicants, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, or that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information known of at this time. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a specific reference shall be resolved during prosecution.

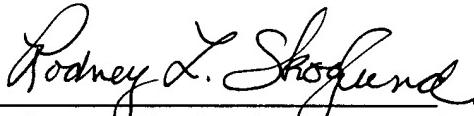
The enclosed documents are being submitted for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to make an evaluation and to arrive at an independent assessment of materiality of each document to the examination of this application. The Examiner is requested to disregard any markings on the documents.

Applicants respectfully request that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

**IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action. No certification or fee is due with this filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

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		EP 1 132 682	09/2001	Europe			
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